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MEMORANDUM FOR : Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : Visit to URPIC-Y

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1. On 13 October [redacted]
[redacted] Lt. Col. Fisher of AFCIN, [redacted]
and I visited [redacted] officer in charge at URPIC-Y, for a tour of
those facilities and discussion of URPIC-Y conditions and plans.

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2. My over-all reaction to URPIC-Y is that conditions are better
by far than I had expected, that conditions will improve, and that the leader-
ship is excellent.

3. Specifically:

a. Space is ample and air conditioned though there is a definite
disadvantage in the fact that the processing unit, while under the same
roof, is not contiguous to the PI center.

b. They appear to have solved their problem of getting prompt
access to fresh chemicals through the local market.

c. Eight A-9 processors in two adjoining rooms are in place;
these to be replaced by new EH-6 processors as rapidly as feasible.
(I am informed by [redacted] that the first such processors
produced for the Air Force are slated for URPIC-Y.)

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d. Personnel will be expanded to include a PI staff of 18,
16 processors, and 4 maintenance. Delay in achieving the above
complement will be caused by the problems of investigation and
clearance (simply a matter of time) though this is being expedited.
The foregoing personnel listed will provide for adequate crews of
processors on a continuing basis if necessary as well as deployment
in the event URPIC-2 at Clark Field were activated. The 4 maintenance

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men are an increase of 3 to take care of urgent needs in the maintenance of the new obsolescent A-9s.

e. PI equipment confined to most elementary stereoscopic stands, admitted by them to be crude and inadequate.

4. We were shown plans for the remodeling of a new area which will bring the processing unit directly in touch with the PI center thereby improving security and efficiency.

5. Indications are that the CIA deputy, [redacted] is doing a good job and has excellent relations with [redacted]

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6. It was stated by [redacted] that the URPIC-2 facility at Clark Field is now air conditioned and in good shape with a caretaker to ensure proper maintenance of equipment during stand-by.

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7. In the light of the foregoing, the fact that General Kuter has cabled his support of the URPIC-Y operation and the upcoming TDY of [redacted] to visit HTA and other Headquarters' installations for his familiarization and possible further planning regarding URPIC-Y, I conclude that optimism about the future of this installation is justified.

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